

# The City to Purchase the Light Plant.

For some time the City Council has been contemplating the purchase of the Hays City Electric Light Plant and Haffamer & Jordan, the owners of the plant, have submitted a proposition to the city which is as follows: That a committee of three competent engineers be selected, one by the city, one by the owners of the plant, and the third member of the committee to be selected by the two already named; the names of the committee thus formed then to be submitted to the State Board of Utilities for their approval. The committee, if accepted by the board of utilities, will proceed to appraise the property, estimate its value and practicability, and place a selling price on the plant according to their findings. The Light Plant owners agree to accept as the selling price, whatever figure the committee agree upon is a right value for the plant. The City Council is also to abide by the report of the appraising committee.

Municipal ownership of public utilities is not an untried experiment, as nearly all the large cities own and operate their water and light plants, and some of them the telephone lines. The plan has in every instance, proven a success and a great saving to the people. If the present committee succeeds in this enterprise, they will have conferred a great benefit upon the people of Hays. By all means secure the light plant.

Axel Cochran and wife went to Denver Sunday night.

Andrew Jensen has returned from his trip to Kansas City.

Anton Cross was awarded the contract for walling the new city well.

A. P. Steiner shipped his household goods to Canton, Ohio, Wednesday.

Chas. Rogers of Kingman county, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Goetichius.

J. F. Sites of Garnet, Kansas, is here visiting his brother, B. G. Sites.

A. P. West's registered Galloway cow presented him with a \$100 calf Tuesday.

S. L. Bowlby a prominent cattle man from the Saline, was in Hays Wednesday.

The Tulon blacksmith, S. Braun was a pleasant caller at the Free Press office Friday of last week.

The Baptist Aid society meet with Mrs. W. A. Smith, Thursday afternoon. A 25 cent supper will be served.

Jim Brummit was in Kansas City this week. Besides looking after business matters he attended the wrestling match.

A. O. Robinson is expected home Saturday night from Kansas City, Kansas, where he has been serving as a juror the past ten days.

An agent of the Eastman Kodak Co. was in Hays this week and painted two elegant signs on the front window of Harkness' drug store.

Mrs. C. M. Stock entertained at dinner Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Rev. and Mrs. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Goetichius, and Mrs. Averill.

A unique song service was held at the Lutheran church Sunday night. There was a large and appreciative audience present. Mr. West gave a history of each piece of music which made the service much more interesting.

The band boys are getting down to business, and nearly every night the air on North Chestnut streets vibrates with the strains of choice music. We know that Hays is going to be proud of the Hays Silver Cornet Band whenever the boys get through practicing and commence entertaining the public.

This week H. L. Postana of Hays, and L. B. Besadey of Russell are asking the voters of the 28th Judicial District for their support for the honorable position of District Judge. Both men are well and favorably known over the district. Both are good lawyers and no doubt will command a large percentage of the votes.

C. Erb, ex-U. P. conductor was in Hays Monday. Mr. Erb is an oil expert and he says there is no doubt that there is a valuable pool of oil under the Ellis county, along the Smoky Hill river. Why don't some of our capitalists proceed to investigate by sinking some prospect wells? Oil would grease the wheels of progress and Hays would hum like a beehive.

Mrs. Lee McKinsey died at Luray, Kansas, Jan. 17, 1914, aged 23 years, 11 months and 17 days. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Alexander preached the funeral sermon, and the Burial Camp of Royal Neighbors conducted the services. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, father, three sisters and four brothers.

Lutheran Church Sunday School 10 a. m. Public worship 11 a. m. The double quartet will furnish a special number. C. E. Society 6:30 p. m. Special music.

Public worship 7:30. The male quartet will sing. Attention should be called to the special musical numbers in the different services.

Rev. West wishes to meet all the young people in the church parlors this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He has a matter of special importance to present.

A very large congregation listened to the Victrola Sacred Concert at the Lutheran church, Sunday evening. The concert was given by famous singers in famous songs. Another concert with a different program will be given Monday.

The Lutheran ladies cleared a neat \$25.00 at their social last Tuesday evening.

# VICTORIA.

## An Interesting Grist of News From Our Hustling Sister City.

### DEATH OF MRS. DOERFLER OF MUNJOR.

### Over Eighteen Thousand Bushels of Wheat Marketed There Last Week

### —Other Interesting Items.

Last week was a very busy week for our grain buyers. From reports, we have it that at least 18,000 bushels of wheat was marketed here. We do not believe there is another town along this line that can bring off as good a market. Our buyers are always thinking of the farmer, which is no more than right—give them all you can. From private reports we have it that Schumacher & Sons handled about 9000 bushels for the week. Our big manager, Bruce, says, I got my share, about 8000 bushels. Frank is always very reasonable. The Wheatland no doubt got a good amount but we were unable to get the correct figures. Weber & Co. were in the market but we cannot say what per cent they got.

Dewey Dunn and his son Lee of Russell, were in town this week. He sold a bunch of his wheat and is having it hauled from his ranch, northeast of here. Those hauling for Mr. Dunn are Clyde Cuff, Emil Jentzen, and Jim Brummit.

John B. Kuhn, a horseman of some fame, showed some of the boys, this week, how to take a stubborn bull to the scales. John tied the unruly beast to his horse's tail, and after a good deal of trouble was successful in getting its correct weight.

Andrew A. Mermis from the Walker country, made a business trip to Ellis and Park, Kansas, recently.

Mrs. Mike Baumrucker from the Gorham country, was in town this week. She made a visit to her folks Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, south of town.

Anton Schumacher has been over to Munjor the greater part of this week, having been called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Doerfler. She died Wednesday morning at twenty minutes to eight.

John J. Vonfeldt of Hyacinth, was a welcome visitor in our town this week.

Anton H. and H. J. Tholen went to Ellis on their motorcycles the other day.

F. B. Brungardt and Andrew Goetz were in Hays on business this week.

A Mr. Briggs from Shields, Kansas, bought a bull from H. W. Robben, the price paid was \$101.50. The bull was bought three years ago, with its mother, at the Carrick sale for \$107.

Mr. T. H. Dordland from north of Gorham, was in our city this week on business.

Joe S. Urban and Adam Dome were in town Wednesday, and ordered a number of telephone poles from the Drelling Lumber Co. They are building a line from Pfeiffer over here. This will save the people a good many unnecessary trips.

Schumacher & Sons unloaded a car of Lindsborg flour, recently. They have also received a car of corn and oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schumacher have moved down from Ellis. Henry has been assisting his brother, John, in their general merchandise business at that place. He is going to take charge of their elevator here as head boss. We are glad to see his smiling face amongst us once again. Success to you, Frank. Get your share.

The following bright young gentlemen took the examination for Rural Carrier on the 10th: Seraphin Quint, Mike A. Brungardt, John J. Billinger, Henry Gesehner, Jake Funk, Leo J. Denning, Geo. G. Dinkel, W. J. Weil.

Mrs. John Tholen of Campus, Kansas, who has been visiting with friends and relatives here the past two weeks, returned home Sunday evening. H. J. Tholen accompanied her, returning on his motorcycle this week.

### Presbyterian Church.

At the Presbyterian church this Sunday, the following services will be held.

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Preaching service, 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Simon Says Thumbs Up", taken from the bible.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Preaching service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "What Became of Noah's Carpenter?"

A cordial welcome to all. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m.

### Big Buffalo Herd For Sale

Gettysburg, S. D., Jan. 22.—The famous "Scotty" Philip herd of buffalo kept in a ten thousand acre pasture near Fort Pierre, S. D., has been placed on the market by Stanley Philip and George Philip, Jr., the administrator of the estate of the late James (Scotty) Philip. This herd of buffalo, the largest in the United States now, includes 70 head of yearlings, 35 head of two-year-olds and 275 head of three-year-olds and older. These are all full bloods, most of them born in captivity.

Mr. A. O. Brown of the Dairy Division of the Extension Department of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, stopped off this week at Hays on his return from Illinois to his work in Salt Lake City. While here he visited his sister, Mrs. Elmer Shade, and spent a day at the Woolridge Dairy.

# CITY TREASURERS' QUARTERLY STATEMENT

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Hays, Kansas:

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the City of Hays for the quarter ending, Jan. 10, 1914. Registered warrants outstanding, September 10, 1913.

General fund.....	\$ 842 25
Street Improvement fund.....	80 95
Water Works fund.....	43 50
Water Works fund.....	966 70

Warrants registered during the quarter.

General fund.....	\$1,540 86
Street Improvement fund.....	44 25
Water Works fund.....	148 59
Total Warrant.....	1,733 61
Warrants paid during the quarter:	
General fund.....	\$ 80 95
Water Works fund.....	43 50
Water Works fund.....	124 45

Registered warrants outstanding January 10, 1914.

General fund.....	\$2,383 11
Street Improvement fund.....	44 25
Water Works fund.....	148 50
Water Works fund.....	2,575 86

Respectfully submitted,  
CHAS. W. MILLER, JR.  
City Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Hays, Kansas.

The following is a report of the different funds passing through my hands as City Treasurer for the quarter ending, January 10, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 51 22
Rec'd from Robinson—license.....	2 00
"    " Marshall—dogs.....	3 00
"    " County Treasurer.....	226 08
"    " County Treasurer.....	252 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrants paid.....	\$ 284 05
Overdraft.....	1 75

Street improvement fund, RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 266 67
Rec'd from Poll Tax.....	12 00
"    " Schwallier.....	12 00
"    " County Treasurer.....	168 57
"    " County Treasurer.....	460 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrants paid.....	\$ 382 29
Interest.....	18 15
"    " County Treasurer.....	400 44
"    " County Treasurer.....	\$ 59 80

Cash on hand.....

Water Works fund, RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 41 64
Payments.....	265 15
"    " County Treasurer.....	806 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrants paid.....	\$ 283 09
Interest on warrants paid.....	9 05
"    " County Treasurer.....	242 14
"    " County Treasurer.....	\$ 64 65

Cash on hand.....

Sinking fund, RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$3,625 64
Hays City Sewer Bonds bought with money from this fund, now held by City Treasurer.....	5,500 00

Sewer fund, RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$2,083 49
Rec'd from County Treasurer.....	509 32
"    " County Treasurer.....	2,592 81
"    " County Treasurer.....	\$2,592 81

Cash on hand.....

Interest fund, RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$3,792 60
Rec'd from County Treasurer.....	368 49
"    " County Treasurer.....	4,161 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest coupons.....	\$2,467 50
"    " County Treasurer.....	2,467 50
"    " County Treasurer.....	\$1,693 50

Cash on hand.....

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. MILLER, JR.,  
City Treasurer.

# SCHOOL NOTES.

The pictures which were bought with the funds from the Art exhibit arrived last Monday, the 12th, and have been distributed among the various rooms.

Miss Leahy's room has two, Miss Crisman's two, Miss Sutton's, one and Miss Pettie's one room.

The Dutch Luncheon Wednesday, the 14th, was a success. There was a large attendance and all eatables on hand were disposed of.

See the "Dictator" at the Normal Auditorium, Friday, February 6th.

The electric bell in the hall has been out of order. Mr. Picken has succeeded in getting it fixed.

The last half of the school year was started Monday. Several new subjects were taken up.

Jack and George had an interesting talk in the hall during their geometry class.

The Senior class have decided to get out a year book this year instead of buying pins, etc., as has been the custom. This will be the second time a year book was gotten out. One was published a number of years ago.

Who says a cow hasn't any upper teeth?

Mabel Truan left the High School and started in at the Normal, Wednesday. We wonder what the attraction is.

Tressie Munson, a former pupil of the school, has been visiting us the last few days.

Don't forget the basket ball game in the Normal Gym Saturday evening. The High School will play the Kanopolis team.

The Sophomores will give an oyster supper in the Madden building opposite the Windsor hotel this Saturday evening. Everybody be sure and come.

The basket ball game, Thursday evening, between the College and the High School resulted in a score of 61 to 17, the H. H. S. coming out victorious. Before the game the smaller boys of the High School and Normal played a game. The Normal won by a score of 17 to 7.

George Drake seems to be in the lead when it comes to biting a saw. If you don't believe it give him a trial.

G. C. Jensen met with a painful cut on the head, accidentally, the other day while splitting fence post. The ax caught on a clothes line and came down the wrong way.

# HORSES and MULES

# WANTED!

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## Tuesday Jan. 27, 1914

## To buy Horses and Mules

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# CHARLES LAMER

THE HORSE BUYER

# Commissioners Proceedings.

Hays, Kansas, Jan. 12, 1914.

The Board of County Commissioners met this day and date in compliance with paragraph Number 1636 General Statutes 1901 and Chapter 230, laws of 1911, for the purpose of re-organizing the various banks as County Depositories, electing as Chairman, letting the County printing, appointing County and Deputy Health Officers for the three districts, appointing a Junior and Purchasing Agent, and appointing Deputy Assessors for the ensuing year, and transact such other business as may come before the board.

The following members were present Isaac Zeigler, Chairman Wm Grabbie, Joe J. Kutina, Commissioners, J. H. Summinger, Co. Atty and P. V. Gottschalk County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by the County Clerk.

Motion by Kutina and seconded by Grabbie, Isaac Zeigler was elected temporary Chairman, carried.

Motion by Kutina and seconded by Grabbie, Isaac Zeigler was elected permanent Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried. Mr. Zeigler was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Motion by Grabbie and seconded by Kutina, that the County Depositories be divided as follows, viz:

Citizens State Bank Hays, 25 per cent. First National Bank, Hays, 25 " Citizens State Bank, Ellis, 15 " Ellis State Bank, Ellis, 15 " Farmers State Bank, Victoria 20 "

All banks to pay 2 per cent interest on County Deposits and render monthly statements as required by law, except for the months of December and January, collections to be free, all five banks agree to pay all checks drawn on them by the County Treasurer any time of the year, all banks to pay cash for County warrants for the face value when properly drawn and endorsed, and the County Treasurer is hereby empowered to withhold the deposits for any bank until they have complied with the law and file a bond with the County Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Kutina, and seconded by Grabbie, that the News-Republican be designated as the Official County paper for the ensuing year, do all the job work at the same price as last year and to get \$4.00 for each road notice, and that the County printing be divided equally among the three newspapers for the sum of \$399.00 that all the three papers publish the delinquent tax list said tax list to be divided equally among the three papers, and that the three papers print the Primary and General Election Ballots in conjunction and divide the money equally amongst themselves. Carried.

Bids were presented as County Physician and Health Officer for the whole County by Drs. Haas and Kidd. Dr. Kidd bid for the whole County was \$395.00 and Dr. Haas bid was \$395.00 both bids were not considered by the Board.

Dr. Haas presented a bid as County Physician and Health Officer for the second and third districts for the sum of \$250.00.

Drs. Blake & Marsh and Drs. Kidd & Kidd presented bids as Assistant Co. Health Officers for the first district, for the sum of \$150.00 both bids being the same.

Motion by Grabbie and seconded by Kutina, the bid of Dr. K. C. Haas for the second and third districts and the bid of Drs. Kidd & Kidd for the first district be accepted the doctors in both instances agreeing to furnish medicine free to County Charges and to perform all minor surgical operations free of charge. Carried.

Bids for Janitor were presented. John Fisher presented one for \$38.00 per month and Adam Weigel presented one for \$40.00 per month.

(Continued next week)

Ray Ward of the Hays Mill, Hays, Mo. and Schlyer & Arnold have purchased three of the six Ford automobiles shipped in by John O'Leigh Jr., last week.

Geo. Drake of Hays, Kansas, will please accept our thanks for the papers from that section, and in which we find much of interest concerning the progress in that latitude of our wide domain. Mr. Drake was a citizen of Osceola, away beyond the recollection of most of our citizens. Leader-Courier, Osceola Mills, Pa. na.

George is one of our good citizens, and has many friends in Hays.

# OYSTER SUPPER.

The Sophomore class of the Hays High School will give an oyster supper in the Madden building, opposite the Windsor hotel, from 5:30 p. m. to 10 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 24, 1914. Everybody come.

# DAIRY TALK.

A Government bulletin on the food value of milk says in part as follows: "Of the animal food milk is one of the cheapest. A quart of milk supplies practically as much both protein and energy as three-quarters of a pound of beef of average composition or eight average eggs, and can generally be bought for less money. In case milk is 8 cents a quart, beef 20 cents a pound and Eggs 24 cents a dozen, 10 cents spent for milk will buy a little more protein and much more energy than 10 cents spent for beef or 10 cents spent for eggs. Thus while other animal foods than milk, (meat, egg and cheese) are desirable to give variety to diet it may be assumed that milk may be used as an economical substitute for any one of them."

Try cutting down your meat bill by using more milk.

# WOOLRIDGE DAIRY.

# Eye and Ear Surgeon

Dr. M. Jay Brown, the Salina eye and ear specialist will be at the Brunswick Hotel, Hays, Tuesday Feb. 10th, Ellis, Wednesday, Feb. 11th, Russell, Thursday, Feb. 12th.

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